

YADKIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MINUTES

Monday, March 1, 2010

The Yadkin County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, March 1, 2010, in the Yadkin County Human Services Building (Commissioners' Meeting Room), 217 East Willow Street, Yadkinville, North Carolina.

Present were:

Chairman Chad Wagoner
Vice Chairman Kevin Austin
Commissioner Tommy Garner
Commissioner David Moxley
Commissioner Brady Wooten

Staff present: County Attorney, James Graham; Interim Manager, Jim Haynes; Deputy Manager, Aaron Church; and Clerk to the Board, Gina Brown.

CALL TO ORDER by Chairman Wagoner at 9:00am.

INVOCATION led by James Graham.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Chairman Wagoner.

ADJUSTMENTS TO/ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Vice Chairman Austin requested a closed session prior to the adoption of the agenda.

Vice Chairman Austin made a motion to enter a closed session per NCGS 143.318-11 (a) (3) to consult with attorney. Commissioner Wooten second.
Vote: 5/0

Vice Chairman Austin made a motion to end the closed session. Chairman Wagoner second.
Vote: 5/0

Chairman Wagoner noted that Item #XI (3) - the Moseley Architects Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement is removed from today's agenda.

Commissioner Garner requested a closed session at the end of regular business.

Commissioner Wooten made a motion to approve the agenda with noted adjustments. Commissioner Moxley second.
Vote: 5/0

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The floor was open for public comment at 9:45am. There were no speakers under this heading. The Public Comments portion closed at 9:45am.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Wooten made a motion to approve the February 15, 2010 Regular Meeting Minutes and the February 15, 2010 Closed Session Minutes as presented. Commissioner Moxley second.
Vote: 5/0

PUBLIC HEARING

There were no actions for public hearing at today's meeting.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

There were no Board appointments for today's meeting.

BOARD REPORTS

(1) Bobby Todd, Director of the Chamber of Commerce, appeared before the Board for various economic development and tourism updates. Mr. Todd reported the following:

- Economic development activity is encouraging. The Chamber has responded to 3 RFPs in the last 3 weeks.
- The recent Yadkin Winter Reds event was very successful and received positive coverage by the media.
- The Economic Development Council recently made a visit to Nonni's and completed a tour of the facility. Nonni's has 150 full time permanent positions in place with additional temporary employees. There are 3 production lines in operation. Nonni's reported that it has been greatly pleased with the local workforce.
- Travel and tourism continues on a steady pace for the current season.

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Yadkin Winter Reds event had all of the bed and breakfast entities at full occupancy.

Attorney Graham commented on Unifi and its increasing production. Mr. Todd reported that orders are up and Unifi has announced a 2nd profitable quarter.

Further, the Reprieve line, garments of 100% recycled material, is doing very well for Unifi.

Vice Chairman Austin shared his experience with the tour and visit of Nonni's. There is a new line underway for the production of croissants. These croissants will be marketed in Raleigh/Durham which will include our area in the distribution. There was reference to the "7 days" logo. Mr. Todd reported that Nonni's catchphrase is that their "croissants are so good, you can eat them for 7 days."

Commissioner Moxley reported having spoken with former students that are employed at Nonni's. These employees are very happy with their jobs and their superiors.

(2) Wayne Matthews, Chairman of the CJPP Advisory Board, appeared before the Board for a review of the funding document required by the State. Mr. Matthews reported that the document indicates the same funding level as last year. The document includes a budget summary for State and County funds. Mr. Matthews specifically noted the pre-trial release program and the savings it represents for Yadkin County. Based on the cost estimate of \$45 per day per inmate, the pre-trial release program saved \$321,000 in County dollars for the fiscal year 2008-2009. Thus far in 2009-2010, the County has realized a savings of \$150,000.

Vice Chairman Austin made a motion to approve the Criminal Justice Partnership Program - Application for Continuation of Implementation Funding. Commissioner Garner second. Commissioner Wooten noted his support of the program due to the cost savings to the County. Vice Chairman Austin asked the potential for expanding the program. Mr. Matthews stated that the officers are at workload capacity. Expansion would be costly and Mr.

Matthews stated that services are currently provided at the most appropriate and cost effective level.

Vote: 5/0

BOARD ACTION

(1) Budget Amendment - Professional Services:

Mr. Haynes reported that the budget amendment reflects an update in the professional services expenses.

Date: February 16, 2010

General Fund

Dept: Non-Departmental Expenses

Description	Account Number	Original Budget	Increase/ (Decrease)	Amended Budget
Professional Services	1059000-51500	130,000.00	84,000.00	214,000.00
Discount-Current Taxes Early Pay	1059000-51715	160,000.00	47,000.00	207,000.00
Contracted Services	1054110-51700	16,000.00	(16,000.00)	-0-
Appropriated Fund Balance	1044000-49000	1,472,622.15	73,000.00	1,545,622.15
Salaries-Admin.	1054120-51010	193,245.00	(44,000.00)	149,245.00
Travel-Manager	1054120-54014	-0-	6,000.00	6,000.00
Travel-Training	1054120-54010	7,600.00	(4,000.00)	3,600.00

To amend for overages in professional services and tax discounts.

Vice Chairman Austin made a motion to approve the budget amendment for professional services. Commissioner Wooten second.

Vote: 5/0

(2) Christopher Ong, Planning and Development Director, introduced the resolution regarding technical assistance for the Land Use Plan. Mr. Ong reported that the resolution is simply protocol for the Board's approval received at a prior meeting.

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF YADKIN**

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE SERVICES OF THE DIVISION OF
COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE WITH THE
YADKIN COUNTY LAND USE PLAN**

WHEREAS the Yadkin County Board of Commissioners would like to undertake an update of the County Land Use Plan;

WHEREAS the County would like assistance with this project from the North Carolina Department of Commerce, Division of Community Assistance, Piedmont Regional Office; and

WHEREAS the Division of Community Assistance (DCA) and Yadkin County have reached a mutual agreement on the work to be performed;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Yadkin County hereby requests the Division of Community Assistance to assist the County with the preparation and revisions of the Land Use Plan, agrees to reimburse the Division of Community Assistance for mileage and meal allowances of the DCA staff who assist the County on this project, and is committed to the implementation of this project when the work is completed.

Adopted this the 1st of March, 2010

ATTEST:

s/Gina Brown
Clerk to the Board

s/C. Chad Wagoner
Chad Wagoner, Chairman
Yadkin County Board of Commissioners

Commissioner Garner made a motion to approve the RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE SERVICES OF THE DIVISION OF COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE WITH THE YADKIN COUNTY LAND USE PLAN. Commissioner Moxley second. Commissioner Garner asked for additional information on travel reimbursement. Mr. Ong replied that he had asked for an estimate of travel expenses based on the State rate at approximately one trip per month. Further, Mr. Ong reported that there are adequate funds in his current budget to manage this expense.

Vote: 5/0

CALENDAR NOTES

Calendar items were briefly reviewed.

Clerk Brown added that the joint meeting with the Board of Education will be held at Prime Sirloin in Yadkinville on Monday, March 29 at 6:30pm.

Chairman Wagoner noted the "Report to the People" sponsored by Cooperative Extension to be held on Monday, March 15, 2010 prior to the regular meeting of the Board.

MANAGER REPORTS/COMMENTS

Interim Manager Haynes had the following items to report:

1. A meeting with department heads has taken place and budget materials have been distributed to each. Individual County Managers approach the budget slightly different, but the Board can expect a similar process as in the past. State cuts and sales tax revenues are the primary concern. It is the intent to provide the best possible services for Yadkin County citizens while keeping spending at a reasonable level.
2. A budget freeze for discretionary spending has been placed on this year's budget. This should place the budget on a more positive track for the upcoming fiscal year.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Wooten had no additional comments at this time.

Commissioner Moxley had these additional comments:

1. Major Widener was asked to address the current medical condition of Sheriff Cain's mother. Major Widener reported that Mrs. Ruth Cain is on life support. The family will be making a decision in the next day or so.
2. Commissioner Moxley had attended the services at Forbush Friends Meeting on the previous Sunday in honor of elected officials. Commissioner Moxley commented on the Elvis impersonation by Reverend Lambert and stated that it was a very enjoyable service.

Commissioner Garner had no additional comments at this time.

Vice Chairman Austin had these additional comments:

1. Vice Chairman Austin had also attended services at Forbush Friends Meeting. Vice Chairman Austin stated that he enjoyed the “tasty” Elvis impersonation by Reverend Lambert.
2. Vice Chairman Austin asked that Mrs. Cain and the Cain family be kept in thoughts and prayers.
3. Vice Chairman Austin reported that he had received calls from several citizens regarding maintenance of certain roads. Vice Chairman Austin would like more information regarding road maintenance and the County’s ability and/or authority in that regard.
4. Vice Chairman Austin noted the maximum 50 foot structure height in the County’s ordinance. Vice Chairman Austin questioned its necessity and asked that this be addressed in the development of a new Land Use Plan.
5. Vice Chairman Austin reported that the local boards on which he serves are seeing major State reductions. At a recent YVEDDI board meeting, there was an approved motion to allow a 2.5% COLA *if* there were adequate funds.

Chairman Wagoner had these additional comments:

1. Chairman Wagoner stated that he was unable to attend the services at Forbush Friends but thanked those fellow Board members for their attendance.

2. Chairman Wagoner commented that the Board had, on occasion, discussed changing the rules under which it operates and would like the Board to readdress this issue. Chairman Wagoner referred to the *Rules of Procedure for Small Local Government Boards* by Fleming Bell. Chairman Wagoner noted that this publication is more appropriate for Boards of this size and suggested that the Board have a work session to discuss the pros and cons of adopting these rules as its primary reference. Chairman Wagoner did not ask for action at this time; only that the members would consider this matter.

3. Chairman Wagoner expressed his concern for the current County motto. Chairman Wagoner suggested that the County hold somewhat of a contest allowing citizens to suggest new ideas. This could potentially eliminate apathy among the citizens by allowing them to be involved in the process. Chairman Wagoner asked the Board to consider this matter.

Attorney Graham had this additional comment:

Attorney Graham asked Major Widener for an update on the condition of PeeWee Spillman, a Yadkin County magistrate. Major Widener reported that Mr. Spillman is on a ventilator in stable but critical condition.

Commissioner Wooten made a motion to enter a closed session per NCGS 143.318-11 (a) (6) for discussion of a personnel matter. Commissioner Garner second.

Vote: 5/0

Vice Chairman Austin made a motion to end the closed session.

Commissioner Wooten second.

Vote: 5/0

Commissioner Garner made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Wooten second.

Vote: 5/0

Meeting adjourned at 10:40am.

Prepared by Clerk to the Board

Date approved by the
Yadkin County Board of Commissioners